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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ DEPARTS FOR MEXICO AND PANAMA

1. ON MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ DEPARTED FOR A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO MEXICO. PEREZ WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, SRA. BLANCA RODRIGUEZ DE PEREZ, AND HIS DAUGHTER, SONIA. DURING PEREZ'S ABSENCE, MINISTER OF INTERIOR AFFAIRS OCTAVIO LEPAGE WILL BE ACTING PRESIDENT.

2. PRESIDENT PEREZ'S OFFICIAL DELEGATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:
RAMON ESCOBAR SALOM, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS;
HECTOR HURTADO, MINISTER OF FINANCE; VALENTIN HERNANDEZ, MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS; MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO, MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS;
FRANCISCO HERRERA LUQUE, VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO; MARCO TULIO BRUNI CELLI, VICE-MINISTER OF INTERNAL RELATIONS, AD SENATOR PEDRO PARIS MONTESINOS, AD SENATOR JOSE MANZO GONZALEZ
EDUARDO FERNANDEZ, COPEI PARTY WHIP IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES;
LUIS MANUEL CARBONELL, PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTO VENEZOLANO DE
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INVESTIGACION CIENTIFICA(IVIC)V BRIG. GEN. VALENTIN MONTANA

MADRID, PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTO VENEZOLANO DE PETROLEO (IVP); ARGENIS GAMBOA, PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANIA VENEZOLANA GUAYANA (CVG); BRIG. GEN. CARLOS CARNEVALLI, PRESIDENT OF TH COMPANI AVENEZOLANO DE PETROLEO (CVP); FRANK BRICENO FORTIQUE, PRESIDENT OF CORPOTURISMO; MIGUEL LAYRISSE, DIRECTOR OF CONSEJO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACIONES CIENTIFICAS Y TECHNOLOGICAS (CONICIT); NELSON HERNANDEZ DIRECTOR OFPROTOCOL, FOREIGN MINISTRY, BRIG. GEN. RAUL GIMENEZ GAINZA, CHIEF OF THE MILITARY HOUSEHOLD; FORMER VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO CARLOS SOTO TAMAYO; ALFREDO BALD CASANOVA, COMMISSIONER OF THE PRESIDENCY; RAFAEL LEON LEON, ACTING PRSIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACION DE TRABAJADORES VENEZOLANOS (CTV); AUGUSTO MALAVE VILLABLA, PRESIDENT OF THE WORKERS BANK; ANTONIO MACHADO, PRESIDENT OF FETRAHIDROCARBUROS; MANUEL PENALVER, FEDEPETROL OFFICIAL; CARMELO LAURIA, PRESIDENT OF THE BANK COUNCIL; AND JESUS MARIA PONCE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL POLICY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. ACCORDING TO THE CARACAS PRESS, MEXICAN PRSIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA WILL RECEIVE PRESIDENT PEREZ AND WILL DECLARE HIM A GUEST OF HONOR IN MEXICO CITY. THE PAPERS REPORT THAT PEREZ'S SCHEDULE IN MEXICO WILL INCLUDE TWO OFFICIAL MEETINGS WITH ECHEVERRIA; A STATE DINNER; VISITS TO PETROLEUM, PETROCHEMICAL AND AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES; A MEETING WITH INTELLECTUALS; AND AN ADDRESS TO AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE MEXICAN CONGRESS. FOLLOWING HIS VISIT TO MEXICO, PEREZ WILL PROCEED TO PANAMA WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH HEADS OF STATE OF SOME OHTER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES (CARACAS2071).
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